

LOCAL NEWS.

FLAG PRESENTATION.—At half past 9 o'clock this morning, the cadet corps of St. John's Academy formed on their usual drill ground next to the Odd Fellows' Hall, and, preceded by a part of the Marine Band, marched to Mount Vernon Institute, South Washington street, where they formed in line, while the young ladies filed out, and formed in front of the school building, the band playing the Star Spangled Banner. The two flags, national and battalion, the latter of which is one of the prettiest flags we have ever seen in Alexandria, were placed in the hands of young ladies on the steps, and Miss Bettie Keyes, on the part of her companions, presented them with the following address:

Colonel and Cadets: My companions have selected me to perform an act sanctioned—I had almost said made obligatory—by the custom of ages. I refer to the making offerings of esteem, and the preferring of incentives for advancement to those who are struggling in a cause which we must respect and love.

Though the contest into which you have entered will not be a sanguinary one, nor will it have the hardships of a field campaign, nor the dangers of a deadly battle, it will not be less toilsome, and will require no less courage, no less devotion to duty, no less courage. To encourage you on these colors, I have placed on this banner the coat of arms of our noble State—Virginia—our mother, implores you to emulate the wisdom and virtues of the sons of this youthful days. First in the hearts of his countrymen is to whose natal day we are commemorating, our own loved Washington. Then a Jefferson, an Henry, a Madison, a Marshall, a Monroe, and a host of others, forming a brilliant constellation on Virginia's historic page.

"Live of great men all round us." We may make our lives sublime.

The figures on the reverse look to you; they are the insignia of your school. But they are not. Your conduct and industry must prove them worthy of honor. Let your efforts be such that your Alma Mater may with feelings of pride, exclaim: "These are my jewels."

"Take your banner, may it wave Proudly o'er the good soil it brave." Accept, also, this standard, under which our countrymen have bravely fought, in your hands its glories be unshaken.

The band then played "Rally round the flag boys."

Lieut. Col. Theodore H. Ficklin, the commander of the corps, made the following reply:

Young ladies of Mount Vernon Institute:—In receiving from your fair hands this beautiful standard, permit me to express, for the cadets under my command, their high appreciation of the honor conferred upon them. To be the possessor of so elegant a stand of colors would, I am sure, be a matter of the utmost pride, irrespective of every other consideration; but to feel, when they gaze upon these bright folds that they owe them to the partiality of the young ladies of Mount Vernon Institute; to see, in their glitter, your bright eyes gleaming upon them; will renew, whenever they behold these flags, the enthusiasm which your smiles create. Though not upon the bloody battle-field, as you justly say, are these standards to be displayed yet, in the contests of life, where they must fight their own passions, and learn to obey, that they may, one day, command, these flags will lead them, and the knowledge that your hearts are with them, that your prayers are for them, that you will cheer them in the hour of trial, and bring them proudly to the final triumph!

Receive, Sergeant Bassett, the flag, which you often led our fathers to victory. As in the days when

"In glory reflected, it shone on the stream," toadden the heart of the patriot Marylander,

"Be it ever when freedom shall stand Between their loved homes and the war's desolation,"

an ensign of hope, a harbinger of glorious victory.

And to you, Sergeant Worthington, do we add this other standard, the emblem, at once, of our State and of our school. As virtue, in the device, has fixed her foot upon the tyrant's neck, let the cadets of this school, when they see this emblem, remember that they are tyrants which only just and true liberty can overthrow.

Then may they justly say, "See Slaves Tyranny!"

Cadets, receive these colors, and when you are tempted to do anything which might bring discredit upon the uniform you wear, recall this scene. Think of the bright smiles which gleamed upon you when you received them, and pause before you grieve the loving hearts whose prayers and hopes will be yours through the battle of life.

Then, the colors having been escorted into line, the cadets proceeded through the principal streets, and returned to the drill ground, and, after dress parade, were dismissed until 7 o'clock this evening, when they will march to Liberty Hall, where they are to have an exhibition for the benefit of the school library.

The beautiful military piece called "The Maid of Croissey," in which a drill by tap of drum will be introduced upon the stage, is to be played, and a laughable farce called "The Iron Boy," will close the exercises.

PROBABLY FATAL ENCOUNTER.—Mr. Clay Grigsby shot, and it is supposed, fatally wounded Mr. L. A. Marsteller at Nokesville station, on the O. A. & M. R. R., yesterday evening. A feud had for some time past been existing between the brothers Marsteller and Mr. Bun. Grigsby, the latter having a few weeks ago received personal chastisement at the hands of the former. Passengers by the Orange train report that Messrs. Bun and Clay Grigsby, and a friend, all armed with navy revolvers, came to Nokesville yesterday evening, a short time before the train from Lynchburg bound to this city was due, with a paper for Mr. Marsteller to sign. That gentleman refused to sign the paper, saying that he did not consider himself a principal in the difficulty, and remarked to them that he thought they had been guilty of a cowardly trick in going over to Morrisville after his brother. Mr. Clay Grigsby then drew a pistol and said, "take that back, take that back," and receiving no satisfactory response, shot Mr. Marsteller in the face. The train arriving at that moment the three young men jumped aboard and came on down to Manassas, where they stopped. It has been impossible to ascertain the extent of Mr. Marsteller's injury, but as he was shot with a "navy," and as the blood was seen to spurt from his face as he fell, it is thought that the wound he received is of a serious if not mortal character.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.—A bold but fortunately unsuccessful attempt was made last night to rob the banking house of Messrs. Burke & Herbert, corner of King and Water streets. The robbers, it is probable, were locked up in the grocery store of Messrs. Gregory & Paul, adjoining, when that store was closed yesterday evening, as the back door was found open this morning. From that store they cut their way through a framed partition into the banking house, and it is supposed were alarmed at some accidental noise and scared off before they had time to blow the lock open. They left behind them some bagfuls of coins. So far as can be ascertained, they did not carry off a single thing, and the only damage sustained was the hole they cut in the partition.

MEETING OF THE CORN EXCHANGE—A

meeting of the members of the Corn Exchange was held at the rooms of the association this morning at 10 o'clock, Capt. P. E. Hove, President, in the chair and George R. Shinn, Secretary.

George Y. Worthington esq. late President of the association, stated that the meeting had been called to take into consideration the alleged discriminations made against the trade of Alexandria by the management of the O. A. & M. R. R. and read extracts from a former address to the association, made some two years since in which he had urged the necessity of some action upon the subject. He dwelt at some length upon the charges which had been publicly made against the officers of the road and concluded by offering the following preamble and resolution which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, it having been alleged by members of this association, and by others through the columns of our daily newspapers, that the present management of O. A. & M. R. R. Co. is adverse to the interest and prosperity of our city; that in their charges and classifications for transportation of produce and merchandise an unjust discrimination is made against the trade of Alexandria, and as the President of said road has publicly denied the existence of any such discrimination as alleged; therefore, that we may be better able to reconcile these conflicting statements and act advantageously on the subject, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair, whose duty it shall be to endeavor to ascertain whether or not there exists any just cause for complaint against the management of the O. A. & M. R. R. for discriminating against the trade of this city; and all members of this association who are aware of any case of discrimination or cause of complaint against the said road are requested to report the same to the committee.

The chair appointed the following committee under the above resolution: Geo. Y. Worthington, Geo. H. Robinson and H. S. Wattles. Notice was given that the committee would meet to-morrow morning at the rooms of the Exchange.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—A coroner's inquest was held this morning upon the body of a dead mulatto female child, found shortly after daylight lying against the fence on the north side of Queen street, between Washington and Columbus, with its face partially eaten by dogs. The child had just been born, but according to the evidence of Dr. French, had never breathed. Nothing was elicited from the examination of the witnesses to identify the body, and the verdict of the jury was death from unknown causes.

TUE 22d.—This 22d has passed off very quietly. The post office and custom house were closed after morning hours, in honor of the day, and the Circuit Court, for the same reason, adjourned over until to-morrow. Some of the fire bells were rung at noon. With these exceptions the day passed as usual.

TAX SALE CASE.—In the U. S. Supreme Court, yesterday, Henry M. Bennett, plaintiff in error, vs. Alexander Hunter. The argument of this case was continued by Mr. Beach, of counsel for the defendant in error. Gen. Garfield and Judge Willoughby will close the case to-morrow.

BREVITIES.—A meeting of the Alexandria Library company was held last night, but no business of importance was transacted. A full report of the proceedings will be published to-morrow.

Skating, to a limited extent, was to day indulged in on the canal basin.

Signor Rubini will commence a series of entertainments in this city to-morrow night.

The freight car attached to the passenger train on the A. L. & H. R. R. which left here yesterday evening for Leesburg ran off the track near the Four Mile Run bridge and detained the rest of the train there for some time. Nobody was hurt and no damage sustained.

The anniversary ball to be given by the Eintracht at their hall to night will, it is expected, be a very pleasant affair. A large number have expressed their intention of being present.

Leo Del Magi, the great wizard, will perform at the Assembly Rooms to night.

POLICE REPORT.—MAYOR'S OFFICE.—John Ahern, Richard Holmes, William Recker, Taylor and a colored man named Freeman, arrested on the charge of selling wood without a license, were discharged upon the payment of costs, William Recker, taking out the proper license.

Christina Reese, on complaint of Nettie Green, for disorderly conduct, was fined and discharged.

MAGISTRATES' OFFICE.—Mr. J. Rafferty, committed to jail some days since for theft of his wife, was released at the instance of the latter upon a promise to take half the goods in the store he keeps and go away, leaving his wife and children and the rest of the goods.

WATCH REPORT.—Night clear and cold. There were no disturbances and no arrests by the watch. Four lodgers were accommodated at the watch house.

PRIME ROLL BUTTER and fresh EGGS just received and for sale by

G. W. RAMSAY, 147 King street.

ENAMELED CARRIAGE CLOTH, of assorted quality, for sale by the piece or otherwise, by

J. T. CREIGHTON & SON, 88 King street.

CON'S GELATINE, Preserved Ginger, Taylor's Bermuda Arrow Root, &c.

G. W. RAMSAY, 147 King street.

SEEDS!—Just received a prime article of Clover and Timothy Seed.

A. WALL 201 King st.

5 BBL'S PRIME WHITE BEANS, received and for sale by

AVERY & DAVIDSON, 226 King st., cor. Alfred.

SEA MOSS FARINA, the new preparation for the production of Blanc Mange, Gruel, &c., a supply just received and for sale by

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO., 106 Prince st.

PURE WINES AND LIQUORS, for medicinal purposes, for sale by

AVERY & DAVIDSON, 226 King st., cor. Alfred.

LAUREL, put up expressly for family use, in 2 and 3 lb caddies, for sale by

WM. F. BROOKES, 106 Prince st.

STAR LOBSTER, Sardines and Dessicated Codfish, for sale by

G. W. RAMSAY, 147 King street.

SMOKING AND CHEWING TOBACCO in store and for sale by

WM. F. BROOKES, 106 Prince st.

PAPIER FAYARD ET BLAYN, for Corns, Bunions, &c., just received and for sale by

W. F. BROOKES & HALL, 106 Prince st.

ITALIAN MACARONI received and for sale by

AVERY & DAVIDSON, 226 King st., cor. Alfred.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—3 p. m. CONGRESS.

In the Senate, to-day, Mr. Conkling made a report declaring the withdrawal of the ratification of the 15th amendment by the Legislature of New York unconstitutional and void, and read a speech in support of the report, in which he said: "the constitution is not a compact between States; it is not even a scheme of government between States; it is a solemn compact of the American people. The power to ratify or reject an amendment of the constitution was a power which ceased with a single exercise."

The House of Representatives considered a resolution censuring Mr. Mungen for words used regarding Mr. Sumner in his recent speech.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The 22d of February is celebrated here generally but not universally. Flags are flying from all prominent points. The courts have all adjourned in honor of the day, and the departments closed at noon. The Avenue already wears its holiday air.

The committee on elections have postponed a vote on the case of Mr. Sagar until Wednesday next.

The military committee are examining more witnesses on cadet corruption cases.

Telegraphic Summary.

From telegrams received at this office at 3 p. m. this evening, it is learned that the discussion of the question of Papal infallibility is expected to open in the Ecumenical Council at Rome, to-morrow.

The Legislature of Missouri, to day, amended the public school law so as to allow women to vote on matters relating to schools.

The steamship City of Boston is now twenty five days out from Europe, and fears are entertained of her safety. She may have been forced into the Azores.

The thermometer stood at Zero at Concord, N. H., at sunrise this morning. Twelve inches of snow fall there on Sunday.

The Camillea First festival took place in San Francisco to day.

Business was suspended on 'Change in San Francisco, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, to day.

AN IMPORTANT RAILROAD LINE.—An important step toward reviving the material prosperity of Virginia and West Virginia, whereby their great natural advantages of soil, climate, and mineral deposits will be made available for a greater and more active industry, has just been taken by several prominent New York capitalists in identifying themselves with the great railroad line which extends between Richmond and the Ohio River, now known as the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. This line includes the old Virginia Central, and the Covington and Ohio roads, both of which received from the State prior to the war a large amount of aid—in the aggregate more than \$5,200,000. This expenditure the State now surrenders to the new corporation on very favorable terms. The road is in operation from Richmond to the famous White Sulphur Springs of West Virginia, 227 miles, and it is believed can be completed to the Ohio (200 miles) by the close of 1871. Among the promoters of the enterprise are Messrs. C. P. Huntington of the Central Pacific Railroad, A. A. Low, William H. Aspinwall, David Stewart, and others, of New York city; Messrs. Wickham, Anderson, Kehls, and Parsons, of Virginia; with Messrs. Fisk & Hatch as the Financial Agents of the company. These gentlemen are associated with the great work will be carried through.

The completion of this line to the Ohio River brings it within a short distance of the important railroad centers of Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati, and Louisville, from which tributary lines are projected and building, by which the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad will establish a Through Line from the seaboard to the great West. Beside being the shortest line from tide-water to Western cities, it will have the great advantage of grades much lighter than any of the more northerly lines. It passes through the great coal fields of the Kanawha, and will have cheap and abundant fuel. The celebrated iron mines of Virginia are situated on the central line of the route, the active iron furnaces of Southern Ohio at its western terminus; and between the two are those inexhaustible veins of "splint" coal, so necessary for iron manufacture.

This line will furnish the necessary outlet for the fertile tract of country between the Cumberland and the Kanawha, and will draw over it the wheat of Minnesota, and the cotton of Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas, together with the cattle, wheat, and tobacco of the intermediate region, as it unites 16,000 miles of inland navigation and 20,000 miles of railroad in the West, to the great harbor on the Atlantic coast, by the shortest and most economical line to be found. The coal and iron traffic of the road alone will be enormous.

The Chesapeake and Ohio is already a profitable enterprise from its local business mere; when completed to the Ohio, it must become one of the most successful roads in the country. The enterprise is efficient and honorable, and the debt upon the road is inconceivable, and the prospect of remunerative traffic very flattering.

The first mortgage Bonds of the Chesapeake and Ohio R. Co., offered for sale by Messrs. Fisk & Hatch, the well known New York Bankers, will at once attract the attention and command the confidence of capitalists as a very superior investment.

The loans heretofore recommended and negotiated by this house—now recognized as among the standard and favorite securities in the markets of both this country and Europe—bear testimony to the discernment and judgment exercised by them in the selection and approval of loans.

LIBERTY HALL.

WEDNESDAY, February 22, until SATURDAY, February 25th.

The renowned SIGNOR RUBINI, in his Wonderful Entertainment, Refined Illusions and Delightful Mysteries. New feats never before seen in this country, and nearly 100 persons given, fairly away among the audience every night.

Admission 25c; reserved seats 50c. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Furniture to be given away to be seen at Muir & Son's, 141 and 143 King street.

EINTRACHT ANNUAL BALL.

In honor of WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY, will be held at their hall.

Washington Hall Building.

On TUESDAY EVENING, February 22nd. Tickets one dollar, admitting gentleman and ladies.

Committee: F. Eigberg, E. Weiman, I. Schwarz, M. Schuller.

Floor Managers—S. Weil, S. King, S. Blondheim.

SALT IN STORE.

1200 sacks Liverpool G. A. Salt, per bark Enchant, in store and for sale by

W. A. SMOOT, 147 King street.

FOR RENT.—A RICK STABLE and CARRIAGE HOUSE, conveniently situated and well protected from intrusion. Apply to

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Office of FISK & HATCH.

BANKERS AND DEALERS IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

No. 6 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK.

February 15th, 1870.

The remarkable success which attended our negotiation of the Loans of the CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY and the WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, and the popularity and credit which those Loans have maintained in the markets, both in this country and Europe, have shown that the First Mortgage Bonds of wisely located and honorably managed Railroads are promptly recognized and readily taken as the most suitable, safe and advantageous form of investment, yielding a more liberal income than can hereafter be derived from Government Bonds, and available to take their place.

Assured that, in the selection and negotiation of superior Railroad Loans, we are meeting a great public want, and rendering a valuable service,—both to the holders of Capital and to the great National works of internal improvement whose intrinsic merit and substantial character, entitle them to the use of Capital and the confidence of investors—we now offer, with special confidence and satisfaction, the

FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS

OF THE

Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Co.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, connecting the Atlantic coast and the magnificent harbors of the Chesapeake Bay with the Ohio River at a point of reliable navigation, and thus, with the entire Railroad system and water transportation of the great West and Southwest, forms the additional East and West

Trunk Line, so imperatively demanded for the accommodation of the immense and rapidly growing transportation between the Atlantic seaboard and Europe on the one hand, and the great producing regions of the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys on the other.

The importance of this Road as a new outlet from the West to the sea magnifies it into one of national consequence, and insures to it an extensive through traffic from the day of its completion; while, in the development of the extensive agricultural and mineral resources of Virginia and West Virginia, it possesses, along its own line, the elements of a large and profitable local business.

Thus the great interests, both general and local, which demand the completion of the CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD to the Ohio River, afford the surest guarantee of its success and value, and render it the most important and substantial Railroad enterprise now in progress in this country.

Its superiority as an East and West route, and the promise of an immense and profitable trade awaiting its completion, have drawn to it the attention and co-operation of prominent Capitalists and Railroad men of this City, of sound judgment and known integrity, whose connection with it, together with that of eminent citizens and business men of Virginia and West Virginia, insures an energetic, honorable and successful management.

The Road is completed and in operation from Richmond to the celebrated White Sulphur Springs of West Virginia, 227 miles, and there remain but 200 miles (now partially constructed) to be completed, to carry it to the proposed terminus on the Ohio River at, or near, the mouth of the Big Sandy river, 150 miles above Cincinnati, and 350 miles below Pittsburgh.

Lines are now projected or in progress through Ohio and Kentucky, to the point at which will connect the Chesapeake and Ohio with the entire Railroad systems of the West and Southwest, and with the Pacific Railroad.

Its valuable franchises and superior advantages will place the CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY among the richest and most powerful and trustworthy corporations of the country; and there exists a present value, in completed road and work done, equal to the entire amount of the mortgage.

The details of the Loan have been arranged with special reference to the wants of all classes of investors; and combine the various features of convenience, safety and protection against loss or fraud.

The Bonds are in denominations of

\$1,000, \$500 and \$100.

They will be issued as *Coupon Bonds*, payable to Bearer, and may be held in that form; or

The Bond may be registered in the name of the owner, with the coupons remaining payable to bearer attached, the principal being then transferable only on the books of the Company, unless reassigned to bearer; or

The coupons may be detached and cancelled, the Bond made a *permanent Registered Bond*, transferable only on the books of the Company, and the interest made payable only to the registered owner or his attorney.

The three classes will be known respectively as—

1st. "COUPON BONDS PAYABLE TO BEARER."

2d. "REGISTERED BONDS WITH COUPONS ATTACHED."

3d. "REGISTERED BONDS WITH COUPONS DETACHED," and should be so designated by Correspondents in specifying the class of Bonds desired.

They have THIRTY YEARS to run from January 15, 1870, with interest at six per cent per annum from November 1, 1869. PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN GOLD in the city of New York.

The interest is payable in MAY and NOVEMBER, that it may take the place of that of the earlier issues of Five-Twenties, and suit the convenience of our friends who already hold Central and Western Pacific Bonds, with interest payable in January and July, and who may desire, in making additional investments, to have their interest receivable at different seasons of the year.

The Loan is secured by a mortgage upon the entire Line of Road from Richmond to the Ohio River, with the equipment and all other property and appurtenances connected therewith. A Sinking Fund of \$100,000 per annum is provided for the redemption of the Bonds, to take effect one year after the completion of the Road.

The mortgage is for \$15,000,000, of which \$2,000,000 will be reserved and held in trust for the redemption of outstanding Bonds of the Virginia Central Railroad Company, now merged in the CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY. A sufficient amount will be sold to complete the road to the Ohio river, perfect and improve the portion now in operation, and thoroughly equip the whole for a large and active traffic.

The present price is 90 and accrued interest. A Loan so amply secured so carefully guarded, and so certain hereafter to command a prominent place among the favorite securities in the markets, both of this Country and Europe, will be at once appreciated and quickly absorbed. Very respectfully,

FISK & HATCH, Bankers.

P. S.—We have issued pamphlets containing full particulars, statistics, maps, &c., which will be furnished upon application.

We have also sold Government Bonds and received the accounts of Banks, Banks, and Corporations and accounts, subject to check at sight and allow interest on daily balances.

New York, Feb 22—1870

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Getting Married.

ESSAYS FOR YOUNG MEN, on the de lights of Home, and the propriety of depriving of those who feel unable to matrimonial happiness. Sent free, in sealed envelopes. Address, HOWARD ASSOCIATION, Box P, Philadelphia, Pa. Jan 28—2nd & w